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## Route 3 westbound lane closure tonight needed to shift traffic onto newly paved lane in Clifton and Little Falls, Passaic County Two lanes of traffic will be open by Saturday morning

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a lane closure on Route 3 westbound tonight as the Route 3/Route 46 Interchange Improvement Project

advances in Clifton and Little Falls, Passaic County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 9 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 10, NJDOT's contractor, Union Paving & Construction Co., Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane on Route 3 westbound from Grove Street in Clifton to just before Clove Road on Route 46 westbound in Little Falls. The closure is necessary to shift traffic to the right onto the newly constructed Route 46 Bridge over Valley Road.

The \$160 million federally-funded Contract B portion of the Route 3, Route 46, Valley Road and Notch/Rifle Camp Road Interchange Improvements project\_includes the realignment and widening of Route 46, as well as the construction of wider shoulders, acceleration, deceleration, and auxiliary lanes. At the Route 3/Route 46 interchange, a three lane Route 3 section will replace the existing two lane connections, and Route 46 will be realigned to better converge with Route 3. The new interchange includes four new bridge structures, a new signalized intersection, and a new multi-lane roundabout. This work is anticipated to be complete in 2024.

Contract A, which was completed in fall 2019, included the construction the new Great Notch Road, a new bridge over Route 46 from Great Notch Road to Clove Road, three signalized intersections, and two single-lane roundabouts parallel to Route 46 westbound to remove local traffic from the state highway.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="www.511nj.org">@NewJerseyDOT</a> or on the <a href="https://www.NJDOT Facebook.page">NJDOT Facebook.page</a>.